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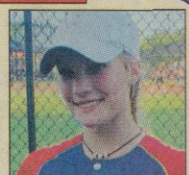


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ALSDE releases third grade reading results from spring assessment

Elba superintendent addresses the scores

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Results from the Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program (ACAP) Summative Reading Subtest administered to Alabama 3rd Graders in the spring are meant to help educators better prepare for the needs of students for the coming school year.

School leaders have had access to the reading results since mid-May, but the Alabama State Department of Education has chosen to make the results available to the public earlier than previously scheduled. Initially, all reading results were to be released in September, along with the release of other ACAP subject results (English Language Arts, math, and science).

The results for Elba Elementary School's third grade class last school year look worse percentage-wise than they truly are with all things considered, according to Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley.

Elba had 61 third grade students tested with 41 of those scoring at the 'on or above grade level' spot [67.21 percent]. That meant 20 students tested scored below grade level on the

ACAP test [32.79 percent].

"The first thing we want everyone to realize is this is just reflects one class - third grade," Moseley said. "According to the Alabama Literacy Act, those are the scores that will be published every

year, so it is not the school as a whole. Next year's scores will be for that third grade class; therefore, it will be a different group of students. We won't be comparing apples to apples."

The superintendent said he did take a look at the second grade scores

because those students to take the ACAP test too. He said those numbers just are not broken down and sent out the same way as the third grade scores.

"We can go into our portal and look at what they've done," Moseley said. "We are very excited where they

are percentage-wise [as second graders], but we have no way of knowing if that will carry on to third grade. We will just have to wait and see."

Also, Moseley said he went back and looked at the third grade scores from when that class was second graders.

"Looking at those numbers, he said the third grade class from this past school year tested basically right on track from where they were as second graders, he said.

With the full implementation of the Alabama Literacy Act (ALA) underway (it was

passed into law in 2019) there is a heightened sense of accountability to make sure every possible resource is afforded to educators, parents, and students. The ALA requires students who

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Cleveland Browns defensive end Alex Wright, a native of Elba, is shown watching youngsters participate in drills last Tuesday night, July 12, during his Alex Wright Youth Football Camp held on the Elba City Schools campus. The former Elba Tiger was drafted earlier this year to play football in the NFL for the Cleveland Browns after a highly successful college career with the UAB Blazers. More photos on Page 10.

Alex Wright hosts youth football camp in Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Alex Wright, defensive end for the Cleveland Browns, hosted a free youth football camp last Tuesday evening, July 12, at Tiger Stadium on the Elba City Schools campus.

Wright is an alumnus of Elba High School and native of Elba, Ala. After high school, he went on to play college football at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) before being drafted by Cleveland this year in the third round of the 2022 NFL Draft.

Just under 100 local youngsters participated in the Alex Wright Youth Football Camp, where they were instructed in skills and drills. Assisting Wright with the camp were current Elba High School football coaches and players.

Each camper received a free t-shirt, free meal from Chick-fil-A, and other giveaways.

ADPH recommends continued vigilance

New COVID-19 variant drives national surge in cases

Cases of COVID-19 are once again on the rise across the United States, with a new Omicron subvariant labeled BA.5 responsible for nearly 65 percent of those cases according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Officials feel the percentage may actually be higher, as this number does not account for the widespread use of home tests, which are not reported. Preliminary data suggests that the BA.5 subvariant is more infectious than previous subvariants. It also appears to cause milder sickness, although hospital numbers and deaths due to COVID-19 have increased over the last several weeks.

Persons infected with the BA.5 subvariant are experiencing many of the cold and flu-like symptoms commonly associated with COVID-19, including:

- Fever
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Night sweats
- Lingering cough
- Fatigue

Some patients are also reporting new loss of taste and smell.

As this latest surge continues, the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) reminds citizens to monitor the COVID-19 level in their community and to continue practicing appropriate mitigation and prevention strategies including wearing a well-fitting mask and social distancing. The CDC recommends that everyone ages 6 months and older protect themselves from COVID-19 by getting

vaccinated.

Everyone ages 12 years and older should stay up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines and get a booster shot when eligible. Vaccination remains the best way to protect against severe illness, hospitalization and death. Visit alabamaunites.com to locate a vaccination site.

Wearing a well-fitted mask, especially in large indoor gatherings, also helps protect from COVID-19. Many pharmacies offer free N95 masks; check <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/free-masks.html> to find locations. Check with the pharmacy to confirm availability, as the CDC does not track the inventory levels at participating pharmacies.

The county's COVID-19 levels also can be obtained at alabamaunites.com

For more information on COVID-19, visit <https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/> or <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/>

Extension office to host workshop

The Coffee County Extension office will be hosting a Guide to Herbicide

and waterways including residential fishponds.

CELBA and PLMA will be



WORKING TOGETHER...Several members of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department joined Elba High School football coaches and players Monday evening, July 18, in pressure washing the bleachers at Tiger Stadium. The firefighters utilized their trucks and high-pressure water hoses to get the job done. Above, Elba head football coach Marc Sieving battles the water hose to clean bleachers on the 'home side' of the stadium alongside Elba firefighter Matt Trott. Coach Sieving said he had a new admiration for firefighters and the work they do after battling the water hose Monday night to clean the bleachers. He thanked the Elba Volunteer Fire Department for its willingness to help the school with this improvement project and said it was just another example of community and school working together for betterment.



Elba man arrested on possession charge

According to Coffee County Jail records, Dustin McKee, age 30, of Elba, was arrested Thursday, July 14, by deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office. He was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

On Friday, July 15, McKee was released on a \$7,500 bond.

Area Happenings

THE MA-CHIS LOWER CREEK INDIAN TRIBE OF ALABAMA WILL MEET Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022, at 1 p.m. The meeting will be at 2950 County Road 377, Elba, Ala. The discussion will include: Low-Income Home Energy and Community Service Block Grant and fiscal year plan for 2023. Plans are

EDITORIAL

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With Ferrin Cox

"There is one way to avoid criticism, say nothing, do nothing, be nothing" - Aristotle

As mass shootings continue to dominate the headlines all across the U. S. we shudder to think about "where will the next one occur?" Then we stop our brain from considering that it could happen right here! That means our schools, businesses, or any other gathering of two or more people should include mental notes of what to do in such an event. Our survival plans will have to be flexible because none of us know how such a disaster will unfold. Should we run, play dead, fight back or ? Personally, we try not to think about it but still have the thoughts in the back of our mind and keep saying "be alert, be alert" just as we watch in highway intersections for that driver that is ignoring a stop sign.

England is hot! In fact, they are experiencing historic high temperatures as the warnings of global warming are becoming a reality all across Europe. Of course the Western United States are experiencing some of the same heat waves, along with a long running and critical shortage of water. Climate ups and downs are to be expected but we are afraid this warming trend will get far worse before it gets any better . . . like maybe for many years!

Monkeypox cases are up to over 1,800 in the US this week with 43 states and District of Columbia reporting cases. Monday there were two reported cases in Alabama, one in Mobile and another in the Birmingham area. Each of us should learn the symptoms for this virus and don't hesitate to see our doctor if we are experiencing any of them. The monkeypox leads to the death of a fairly high percentage of those affected, but apparently it can be cured if aggressively treated early on.

Those of you who are excited about the Twitter/Elon Musk give and take should know that BOTH parties requested a delay in a deadline to begin a September scheduled court battle. This must mean they are working on a solution. Musk has been highly successful in several business ventures but could be described as a 'loose cannon' for many of his ideas. We might also remember that several of his business ventures are heavily subsidized by the taxpayers (like his electric cars, space ventures, and the California ultra-fast train tunnel boring project).

There are several electric powered scooters parked near the Elba Public Library. Our understanding is they are GPS equipped and the owner knows where they are at all times. It is self-service and we assume you pay via credit card. Also, if you use one, run out of programed minutes, etc., you can just walk away from it and the owner collects them at night, recharges the batteries and they are ready to go for another day. Pondering our possible use of them it was remembered that it has been some 75 years since we scooted around the neighborhood on one of those things and it is therefore best for us and our old bones to let others utilize them. We will keep walking (or using this high priced gasoline).

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or boosters!



If you see Cuzin Lou Lou wondering around Yonder these days stretching her back, it's not necessarily 'old age' creeping around the corner...it's more likely a result of 'Spoiled Rotten Little Bean' that takes over every spot she inhabits, including Lou Lou's bed.

One night last week, Little Bean got comfy on the bed while Lou Lou was still moving around putting up some laundry. After finishing the laundry Lou Lou sat in the bed watching a little television until she was ready to go to sleep.

Well...by the time Lou Lou tried to "settle in" to the bed, Little Bean had stretched here body into sideways position, and she was not interested in moving one little bit to make room for Lou Lou to also get comfy. She actually whined a bit when Lou Lou tried to get her to adjust some.

When Little Bean makes her stretch move on the bed, she's pretty well set for the night, and in a sideways position, she's taking up the majority of the middle of the bed!

Because it would just be an insult to make the little monster move over [insert an eye roll here along with the biggest Southern "Bless her Heart" ever], Lou Lou instead tried to curl her body into a position that would allow for sleep. It didn't work!

After tossing a turning several times...very emphatically too, attempting get Little Bean to move on her own, it was no use. The spoiled little monster wasn't going to oblige!

So...Lou Lou switched her position. She turned her body completely around in the bed with head at the foot of the bed and legs at the head. This allowed her more room to maneuver and get a little rest.

Next morning, Sister stopped by the room on

her way to work...not to say good morning to Lou Lou. No!! She stops by to say good morning to Little Bean and tell her how much she loves her!!

Before Little Bean joined the Yonder gang, Sister never stopped by Lou Lou's room the day's she left for work first to say good morning...nope...she only stopped by then to remind Lou Lou to do something or to fuss because she had forgotten something.

Now...every single day that she leaves the house before Lou Lou and Little Bean are up and moving around, she stops in to give morning greetings to Little Bean, and then, there is a faint acknowledgment of Lou Lou after she has finished talking to Little Bean.

On this day, her first question to Lou Lou after

she finished her good mornings with Little Bean was, "Why in the world are you turned that way in the bed?"

After Lou Lou explained what she had done overnight to keep the little monster satisfied while trying to get a little sleep herself, Sister's only response was "Oh!" with a little chuckle.

It left Lou Lou wondering, "When in the name of Yonder did I lose control of my life to a 20-pound K9?!!?!!" The answer was the spring of 2020 when said K9 was only 3-lbs, and she became a member of the Yonder gang's family!

Oh well...at least time Lou Lou lost a battle to someone other than Sister! It may be time to go shopping for a larger bed!!

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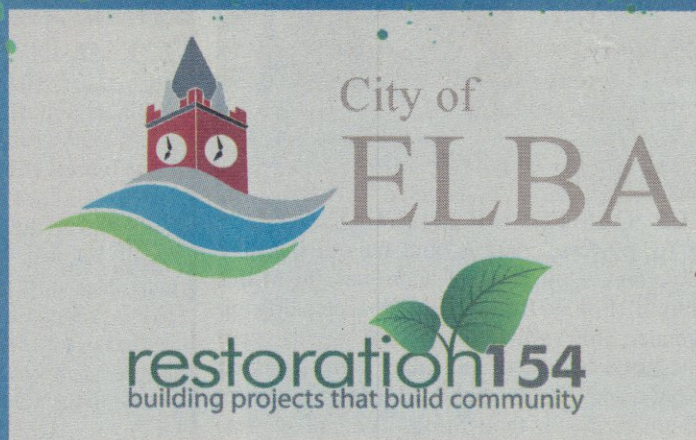
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are identified as struggling readers in grades kindergarten through third grade (K-3) be provided intensive reading instruction, frequent monitoring of their literacy progress, and a Read-at-Home plan for families to participate.

Those who have not made substantial progress towards proficiency in reading before the end of their 3rd grade year, may not be promoted to 4th grade beginning in the Fall of 2023.

"Are we happy about where the score is?" Moseley asked. Then, he answered his own question, "Nope. I have no problem saying that."

"Am I made at the teachers or anything like that?" he continued. "Absolutely not. Not one bit. They have worked their rears off for us."

Moseley said the Elba School System now has intervention programs in both schools, and it did not have that before last year.

"Intervention will help move us a step in the right direction because the classroom teacher is not having to do everything that is needed for the students who need a few more points to increase the percentage on this ACAP test," Moseley said. "I looked at it, and there is a cut off number for on or above grade level at around 452. With our third grade class this past year, we had 10 of the 20 students that scored below grade level, that only missed the cutoff number by about five points. So, they are

right there."

He said this means those students still need some assistance to improve, but they are not far from being on or above grade level.

"That is why we have a team right now at the elementary school working on it and determining which kids need to be targeted to put them in that next level of scores," Moseley said. "You get those 10 students up five points or so, and we jump to 80 percentile rather than 60 percentile with our scores."

The superintendent said there are people in place now working hard to make sure things are going in the right direction. It takes a lot of work to make the necessary improvements, but he said his staff is working to get the people in place to make sure that happens.

"With the reading and literacy act, it is scary for everyone," Moseley said. "We realize we have some groups of students that we've got to put some extra work in, and we are doing just that."

He said the intervention program is something everyone is excited about going into the new school year. Last year was a learning process for everyone since it was a new program, but the superintendent said he truly believes the work has been put in for that program that it will begin to show its benefits to Elba students.

"We are actually excited about the data the new test

ing provides to us," Moseley said. "We can look at the scores and know exactly who needs help."

Across the state, the ACAP summative reading data showed that 78 percent of Alabama third graders are reading on or above grade level, and 22 percent are not reading on grade level. A total of 52,590 students were assessed with 11,725 not yet at grade level.

However, that by no means indicates that 22 percent of third graders would be kept back were the ALA retention piece in effect. There are Good Cause exemptions that allow students who are reading below grade level to be promoted to the 4th grade, however they will still receive additional support.

Students with limited English proficiency with less than three years of instruction in an English Language Learner program; students with a disability whose IEP or Section 504 plan indicates that the student has received intensive remediation for two years but still demonstrates deficiency in reading or was previously retained in Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Grade; and students who have received intensive intervention in reading for two or more years but have been previously retained in Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Grade for a total of two years would all receive Good Cause exemptions.

Additionally, students with disabilities whose Individualized Education Program (IEP) indicates that participation in a statewide accountability assessment program is not appropriate are exempt from showing proficiency.

Also, 3rd Grade students who demonstrated an acceptable level of reading proficiency on an ALSDE approved supplemental standardized assessment may be promoted to the 4th Grade. This is taking place in conjunction with Summer Reading Camp to provide students an additional opportunity to gain needed instruction and demonstrate this on a state assessment.

The ALA law requires that all students in grades K-3 are assessed on a state-approved early reading assessment a minimum of three times during the academic year to identify levels of proficiency and determine areas of deficiency and guide instructional needs.

When areas of deficiency are identified, the classroom teacher and others work together to develop a Student Reading Improvement Plan (SRIP).

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Lighten Your Schedule. If you normally have a pressing schedule, try to lighten it. Remember, grief is mentally taxing. You don't need the added strain of too much to do. Set aside some quiet times just for yourself, so you can think about your spouse's death and put things in perspective.

Remember There is No Timetable. Healing doesn't happen overnight. It happens gradually, and there is not a normal timetable for grieving. For some people it may take weeks or months to start to feel better. For others, it may take years. It's also important to remember that even if you have accepted your loss, that doesn't mean you have forgotten the person.

What if you can't seem to handle your grief? It's important to understand that there is no timetable for grief, so it is difficult to say when a person needs professional help. If you are worried that you are not coping well with your grief, you might consider talking to a counselor.

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

WILNA ELAINE IKNER

Mrs. Wilna Elaine Ikner (nee English), age 93, died on Sunday, July 17, 2022.



Preceded in death by her husband, Reverend Alfred Ikner, Miss Elaine was living with her daughter, Nancy Golden in Electric, Ala.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 18, 2022, at Goodman Baptist Church with her sons-in-law, Rev. Faron Golden and Ken English, along with Rev. Bruce Williams officiating. Burial followed in the Goodman Baptist Church Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. The family asked that memorials be made to Goodman Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Freda Jones, 463 County Road 633, Enterprise, AL 36330, or to Mission-Dignity, c/o P.O. Box 819109, Dallas, TX 75381-9957.

Other than her husband, she also was preceded in death by her parents, Ida B. and Bush S. English Sr., by a great-granddaughter, Alexis McCoy, along with siblings, Bush English Jr., Nina Jean Osborn, and Jeanette Collier.

Survivors include her daughters: Nancy (Faron) Golden, Eclectic, Patsy (Ken) English, Elba, Freda (Jerry) Jones, Enterprise, and Angel (Jeff) Hatcher, Ozark, Ala.; special caretaker, Dorothy Lott; her brothers: Larry D. (Polly) English, Selma, Ala., and Ronald (Lois) English, Evergreen, Ala.; sister: Betty Brown, Montgomery, Ala.; nine grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

ELLA JEAN CARROLL VAUGHAN

Mrs. Ella Jean Carroll Vaughan, of Elba, Ala., died peacefully Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at her home after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. She was surrounded by her loving family.

Ella Jean was born in New Brockton, Ala., in 1934, to parents, Marvin and Bonnie Nicholson Carroll. She was married to Ted Gerald Vaughan in 1955. She was a lifelong resident of Coffee County and after a marriage she

lived in Elba. She was a long-time member of the Elba United Methodist Church.

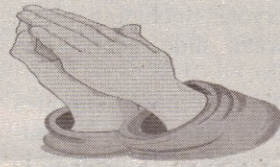
Ella Jean enjoyed a very successful career as a federal employee with the Coffee County Farm Service Agency for 36 years. After retiring from there, she worked eight years with the Coffee County Board of Registrars.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 15, 2022, at Elba United Methodist Church with Min. Steve Reneau officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Ella Jean requested that memorials be made to Elba United Methodist Church, 503 W. Davis Street, Elba, AL 36323.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ted; a son, Eddie Carroll Vaughan; her brothers and their wives; Edwin Carroll (Nell) and Harrell Carroll (Annie), and Ferrell Carroll (Sue).

Survivors include her son: Ted Gerald Vaughan Jr. (Lisa), Montgomery, Ala.; daughter-in-law: Melinda Vaughan, Elba; grandsons: Judson Vaughan (Katie), Millbrook, Ala., and Colton Vaughan, Elba; great-grandchildren: Carter and Lucy Vaughan, Millbrook; sisters: Peggy Stroud, Elba, and Betty Owen (John), Enterprise, Ala.; stepsister: Callie Jones (Doyce), Enterprise; sister-in-law: Elaine Vaughan Martin, Elba; many nieces and nephews; and a special friend: Randy Emmett, Chancellor, Ala.



CHARLES JUNIOR OSBORN

Mr. Charles Junior Osborn, age 81, a resident of Montgomery, Ala., died Sunday, July 17, 2022, at a local hospital.

Charles was born June 19, 1941 to the late Charlie Osborn and Martha "Madie" Goodson Osborn in Elba, Ala.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 2 p.m., from Garden Hills Cemetery in Opelika, Ala., with Brookside Funeral Home, Crematorium and Memorial Gardens of Millbrook directing.

Mr. Osborn was preceded in death by his wife, Caroline P. Osborn; daughter, Shara Lynn Hicks; six brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include his son: Charles Edward Osborne, Valley, Ala.; daughters: Deborah Anne Dyes (Mitch) Opelika, Angela Carol Dyes, Montgomery, Ala.; grandchildren: Andrew Dyes (Jennifer), Amelia Rhodes (Josh), Opelika, Kallie Davis (Walker), Birmingham, Ala., Morgan Livingston (Brandon), Montgomery, Chase Osborne and Hannah Osborne, Phenix City, Ala.; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law: Faye Kyle (Ray) Elba, Anne Hawkins (Jerry) Opelika; and host of nieces and nephews.

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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Paul Jackson, Pastor
Covenant Community Church, Elba

How are you 'thinking' today?

One of God's most amazing gifts to us is our mind. Having the ability to think and reason is part of our humanity and separates us from the rest of creation. I believe our thoughts even become a mirror of who we really are. That's how powerful they are in our life; they have a way of shaping us—sometimes for the good—sometimes not. That's why *how* we think and *what* we think about are so very important.

The Apostle Paul expressed it this way: "Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse" (Phil. 4:8, MSG).

So, friend, how are you thinking today? And what are you thinking about?

I enjoy collecting quotes from things I read. I put them on 3 x 5 cards and remind myself of them often. I like to think they are also shaping me and making me a better person.

Here are but a few:

• "God is not a part-time God; don't serve him on a part-time basis!" -Anonymous

• "God is training up his heroes and when they appear the world will wonder where they came from." -C. S. Lewis

• "He who loses his life for my sake shall find it." -Jesus (Matt. 10:39)

• "Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God." -Leo Buscaglia

• "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools." -M. L. King, Jr.

• "Only one life to live and it will soon be passed; only what's done for God will last." -C. T. Studd

• "If a man is called to be a streetsweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great streetsweeper who did his job well." -M. L. King, Jr.

Happy 'thinking' today!

Back to School Bash set for July 29th at Elba First Baptist Church

Elba First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church, and Westside Baptist are jointly planning a "Back to School" Bash for Friday, July 29, at 5:30 p.m. The event will be at First Baptist Church, 606 Simmons St. Elba. The event is free, and

there will be family fun for everyone, including pizza, a water slide, games, and more.

Also, school supplies will be given away to children in grades kindergarten – sixth.

Everyone is invited to attend!

Newbia Baptist Church to host one-day VBS Saturday, July 23

Newbia Baptist Church, located at 3819 County Rd. 330, Elba, Ala., will host a one-day Vacation Bible School, on Saturday, July 23, beginning at 9 a.m.

Children of all ages are invited [those under age four may need to have an accompanying adult] to attend VBS. Registration will be from 8:30 -8:55 a.m. that Saturday morning. The VBS program will

be from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Parents should send an extra suit of clothes as there will be "fun with water" at the end of the VBS session.

For more information or to pre-register, contact Kristena Marler on Facebook Messenger, call (334) 372-2098, or email skmrldm517@hotmail.com [include VBS in the subject line].

Zoar Cemetery annual meeting planned for July 23rd at 10 a.m.

The Zoar Cemetery Association has been meeting on Saturday before the fourth Sunday each July since 1988.

The annual business meeting for Zoar Cemetery will be held Saturday, July 23, at the

Zoar Cemetery, located on County Road 331, at 10 a.m. Continued personal and financial support is needed.

All with loved ones buried in Zoar Cemetery are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Sunday, July 31st, will be a special day for Covenant Community Church in Elba

July 31st is a very special day in the life of Covenant Community Church, and members and friends are asked to make plans to be in worship on this Sunday, especially.

It marks the start of year two of Paul Jackson being Pastor of CCC.

Reverend Jackson has a

special message he wants everyone to hear in celebrating the past and anticipate the future and dream together.

July 31st is also Potluck Sunday. As usual, CCC will provide the chicken, rolls, and drinks. Everyone, please bring a dish or two to share.

New Philadelphia COGIC planning COED softball tourney for Aug. 6th

New Philadelphia COGIC announces plans for a COED softball tournament on Saturday, Aug. 6 at the Hawkins-Williams Sports Complex in Elba.

The tournament will begin at 10 a.m. There will be concessions available and free giveaways, free school supplies, free kid's meals to restaurants, and free kid's haircuts through-

out the day. Team Registration fee is \$200 and is due by Monday, July 25th. Winners will win a grand prize of cash and a trophy.

For more information call (334) 470-7456.

Share Your Church News with us!

Due on Monday each week.

Round and About With Eria's Daughter



Scripture: The Suffering, Praise, and Posterity of the Messiah [Psalm 22: 1-31]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Min. Ronnie Caldwell, Elder J.C. Rogers, Deloris F. Williams, Mary Sue Dawson, Corene Wilkerson, Rev. Fred/Annie Flowers, Nicole Duncan, Ziyah Kelley, Willie Berry, Johnnie McBride

July Birthdays / Anniversaries

Afreenee Kelley 7/12
Brandon Wade 7/13
Rita Gray 7/13
Jakori J. Warren 7/13
Curtis O. Kelley 7/13
Connie Bones 7/13
Patrick Tyson 7/14
Ida Martin 7/17
Christina Woods
Timberlake 7/17
Tevin Kelley 7/17
Reginald and Priscilla Sanders 7/17 W.A.
Brandy T. Kelley 7/17

The Big Impact of a Little Leaven

Molly was a beagle of average intelligence who did a very dumb thing. One morning Jane, her master, mixed up a batch of bread dough and left it on the kitchen table to rise. Then Jane went to the back of the house to do laundry. In Jane's absence, Molly somehow nudged a chair over to the table, hopped up, and gobbled down the entire batch of dough. When Jane returned to the kitchen, her bread dough was gone! But Molly hadn't gone far. Lying on her back with legs sticking straight up in the air, Molly looked like a bratwurst that had been left on the grill too long! The poor little dog was groaning in agony from the swelling taking place in her tummy. The small amount of yeast in the dough had created a big crisis within Molly.

So an emergency trip to the veterinarian followed. Four hours and \$800 later, Molly was on her way to becoming her old happy self.

Jesus' parable of the leaven describes what just a small portion of the message of His kingdom will do. When that message is received in faith and obedience, an incredible spiritual growth begins – not the harmful kind of growth Molly experienced, but the kind that leads to fullness in Christ. The good news is that Jesus' promise of spiritual fullness is still valid. – C.T.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 7/21/22

True or False

Q: In the Book of Ezra 10th Chapter, the Priest and Levites were the only ones not guilty of intermarriage.

A: False [Ezra 10:5]

Q: Josiah, King of Judah, was promised to be spared the coming disaster.

A: True [II King 22: 19-20]

Q: A spirit promised to protect King Ahab.

A: False [I King 22:22]

Thought to Remember

Words can be weapons to divide, or tools to unite

Questions for the Week of 7/28/22

True or False

Q: In the Book of Jeremiah, Jeremiah told a king to surrender to the Egyptians to be spared.

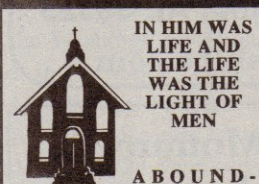
Q: If the king didn't surrender to the enemy Jerusalem would be burned.

Q: In the Book of Nehemiah, he acknowledged that his opponents had a small but historic right in Jerusalem.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

Church Directory



IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ABOUT GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rocky Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:30 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Harry Driggers, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:00 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Remonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 6:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday Fellowship... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal" ... 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 10:00 p.m.
Thurs. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adeock, Pastor
Sunday Morning... 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Overseers - Billy Berry
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
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Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC
Glenwood, AL
Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS COGIC
James Starks Jr., Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

OLD TABERNACLE CHURCH
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

PRATHE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
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LIFESTYLES

ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES

Pre-K Orientation July 27th

Pre-K #1 9:00 Pre-K #2 1:00

Grade Level Orientation August 2nd

1st, 2nd, & 3rd 5:30

4th, 5th, & 6th 6:30

Kindergarten Jumpstart August 3rd

8:30-11:00

1st Day of School August 5th

Pre-K 7:30-2:30

K-6th 7:50 Tardy Bell Rings - Dismissal 3:00

After School Program Begins August 15th

Pre-K 2:30-4:00

K-6th 3:00-5:30

DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99 to meet July 28 in New Brockton

The July meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be Thursday, July 28, 6 p.m., at the New Brockton Senior Center. Elections for chapter officers for the upcoming year will be held. All members are asked to attend. For more information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.

Lee Greenwood to perform at July Jamz

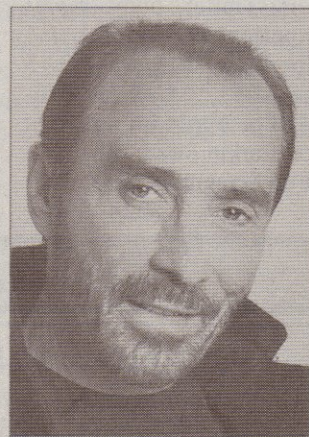
Andalusia hosting traveling Vietnam memorial wall

Lee Greenwood will perform a free outdoor concert in Andalusia on July 28, in conjunction with the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall's stop there.

The Andalusia Area Chamber of Commerce, City of Andalusia, CCB Community Bank and Covington Veterans Association are working together on the concert, which is the final installment of the 2022 July JAMZ summer concert series, and will be held on the lawn of Springdale in downtown Andalusia. CCB Community Bank is sponsoring the event as part of its 75th anniversary celebration.

"We are thrilled to have this iconic performer visiting Andalusia," Mayor Earl Johnson said. "I don't know of a community that is more patriotic than Andalusia. To have the opportunity to have Lee Greenwood perform 'God Bless the USA' in the shadow of our beautiful Covington Veterans monument and the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will be a wonderful expression of that patriotism."

The City of Andalusia and Covington Veterans Foundation (CVF) are jointly hosting the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall, which will be escorted into town at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 27. Escorts will include the Friends of Army Aviation



Lee Greenwood will perform July 28 in Andalusia during a free outdoor concert

in a helicopter from the Vietnam era, as well as state and local law enforcement and members of the Patriot Guard.

Anyone who would like to join the escort is welcome. The arrival will be staged from the Covington County Track and Field Facility on Hwy. 55 South in Andalusia.

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will be erected near the Covington Veterans Memorial on the campus of Andalusia City Hall, 505 East Three Notch St., Andalusia.

Opening ceremonies are set for 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, July 28. Gold Star families will be recognized.

Music begins at 6 p.m. with the Three Notch Ramblers - Scott Rogers, Phillip McClung, Jeff

Sellers, Jacob Sellers, and Richard Moore - who will open for Greenwood with music from the Vietnam era. Fireworks will follow Greenwood's performance.

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will be displayed through Sunday, July 31, and volunteers will be on hand 24/7 after opening ceremonies to assist visitors in finding the names of loved ones.

In addition, on Friday and Saturday, the Friends of Army Aviation will offer rides in a Vietnam-era UH-1H "Huey" helicopter from Packer Field, located on Snowden Drive behind McDonald's and the Best Western.

On Sunday afternoon, the Covington Veterans Foundation will host a 2:30 p.m. program with Command Sergeant Major (Ret.) Jimmie W. Spencer as the speaker.

For additional information, contact Michele Cox Gerlach at 334.488.5317 or michele.gerlach@cityofandalusia.com.

About the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall is a three-

fifths-sized replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, known simply as The Wall, located in Constitution Park in Washington, D.C. It was constructed for the Vietnam and All Veterans of Brevard, Inc., a veteran-based organization situated in Brevard County, Florida.

The Wall's panels are engraved with the names of 58,320 fallen men and women. The names are arranged chronologically by date of casualty, beginning at panel 1E (the center). The names continue to the eastern end of The Wall, pick back up at the western end, and end in the center. The design signifies a healing wound.

Those names include 1,208 Alabamians. Four listed Elba as their hometown of record:

- Alfonzie Culver, who died Oct. 11, 1967. He was 20. (Panel 27E, Line 88)

- Delacy Gray, who died Feb. 23, 1967. He was 21. (Panel 15E, Line 79)

- Charlie Frank Lee, who died March 2, 1968. He was 27. (Panel 42E, Line 55)

- Joseph M. Moore, who died Dec. 28, 1966. He was 34. (Panel 13E, Line 92)

Seniors encouraged to join the fun at the Elba Senior Citizens Center

Donna Falls, director of the Elba Senior Citizens Center, encourages all seniors age 60 and older to attend the Elba Senior Citizens Center.

Along with nutritious meals 5-days-per-week, Falls works with seniors to help them apply for several programs that they may qualify, including: Farmers Market Vouchers, HRDC- Energy Assistance, Food Assistance, Medicaid Waiver, Senior Rx Program, Medicare Savings Pro-

gram, etc. However, the senior must be an active participant at the Elba Senior Center for the director to sign them up for these type programs.

To become a center participant, attendance is not based on income. The Elba Senior Citizens Center is a social place for any senior citizen to come have fun and find or make new friends. If interested in joining the center, stop by [304 Factory Ave in downtown Elba] or call (334) 897-3019.

More of the Elba FD assisting with cleaning at Tiger Stadium...



Above: Elba firefighters and football players worked together as a "team" to pressure wash the visitor side bleachers Monday evening.

Left: Elba firefighter Mark Kelley is shown hard at work cleaning the home side bleacher at Tiger Stadium. This was a joint effort between EFD and Elba City Schools.

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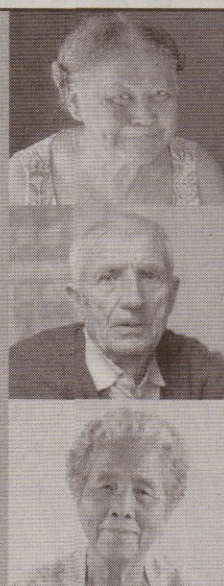
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- Vaccines are safe and effective.
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- Getting every recommended dose of each vaccine provides your child with the best protection possible.
- Lack of vaccination can leave your child susceptible to over 15 life threatening diseases.

For more information, please visit alabamapublichealth.gov/imm

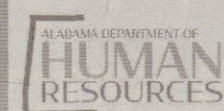
STOP Elder Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation

Submit a report to the Alabama Department of Human Resources Adult Protective Services Division



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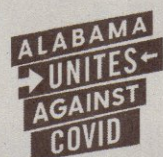
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Opening Date: July 21, 2022
Closing Date: Aug. 8, 2022 at 12 noon

Job Summary: The E911 Coordinator performs specialized duties in support of the E911 system, including providing support to the E911 Board, assigning new addresses as new structures are built, entering this information into the database, and notifying the appropriate post office of valid, newly assigned residential and business addresses. The Coordinator also serves as the liaison with all emergency response agencies and with the Public Safety Answering Points in Elba and Enterprise.

Knowledge and Minimum Skills Desired:

- Knowledge of 911 addressing methodology.
- Knowledge of GIS mapping and principles.
- Knowledge of emergency communications principles and practices.
- Knowledge of Computer-Aided Dispatch.
- Skill in the use of computers and job related software programs.
- Skill in planning, organizing, decision making, and problem solving.
- Skill in making decisions in high pressure and emergency situations.
- Ability to support and render assistance to Coffee County EMA and other first responders in the event of actual disasters, accidents, or incidents, during which work performed may be with exposure to adverse weather/environmental conditions for extended periods of time.

Salary: Commensurate with experience

Resumes may be submitted by mail or in person directly to E911 Chairman/Director Dean Blair at:
#8 County Complex, 1065 East McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Alabama 36351

EOE

Upcoming events at Landmark Park

JULY 27: HIGHLAND TRADITIONS

Game ON! Jump into the games with Highland Games athletes. Participants will learn about traditional sports of the Scottish Highland Games and the history behind them. Make sure to dress in your best Scottish attire and throw a kilt on the whole family! Meet at the Tractor Pull Track.

AUGUST 6: EDUCATION FESTIVAL

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Visitors will have a chance to see what the Education Department at Landmark Park has to offer to classroom and homeschool teachers. Kids and parents also welcome! Teachers who attend this event, you will get a coupon for 10 percent off of your next field trip to Landmark Park! Visit the Information Booth at the event for details. For more information, contact Tabitha Shumaker at 334-734-3452 or tabitha@landmarkparkdothan.com. Free with your paid gate admission.

Alabama DHR increases bonuses for child care workers

The Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) announced plans Monday to double the bonuses that child care workers can receive from Child Care Workforce Stabilization grants.

DHR will increase the bonuses to \$3,000 for full-time employees and \$1,500 for part-time staff for all five remaining quarterly grants. Applications for the next quarter will be accepted Aug. 22 through

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO: PC-2022-041

IN THE MATTER OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS PATMAN, deceased.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 30th day of June 2022 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 30th day of June 2022.

/s/ HEATHER NICOLE GODWIN
Personal Representative

/s/ Matt Brunson
Attorney for the Petitioner

7/7,14&21-pd.

Legal Notice

"Notice is hereby given that Diversified General Contractors, LLC of 1120 US Hwy 84 East, Opp, AL 36467 has completed all work on the RECREATIONAL BUILDING PAINTING AND REPAIRS in Elba, Alabama." All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above named contractor and the City Clerk of the City of Elba.

7/14,21,28&8/4 - chg

PUBLIC AUCTION

In accordance with S32 Chapter 13 codes of Alabama 1975, the following vehicles will be sold at auction on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 @ 8:00 a.m. at Batten's Paint & Body, 1252 Geneva Hwy, Enterprise, AL 36330. 2019 Nissan Versa V.I.N (3N1CN7AP9KL837857) 7/21,28-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DAVID SMITH, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted on July 14, 2022, to Laura Jones, as Personal Representative of the Estate of David Smith, deceased, who departed this life on the 16th day of May, 2022, by the Hon. Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Laura Jones, Personal Representative of the Estate of David Smith Deceased

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH KERRIGAN, Deceased

CASE NO. PC 2022-051

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Tammy Lynn Kerrigan as Personal Representative of the Estate of Kenneth Kerrigan, deceased, on the 19th day of July, 2022 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
7/21,28 & 8/4-pd

in September 2023. Five opportunities remain.

To qualify, providers must be licensed, operating and in good standing with DHR when they apply. They also must remain in operation for at least one year after receiving a grant.

The grants are funded by the American Rescue Plan Act.

Applications, grant schedules and additional eligibility requirements are available at <https://dhr.alabama.gov/child-care/>.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



New exhibit open at Landmark Park

Landmark Park, home to Alabama's Official Museum of Agriculture, announces the installation of a brand new exhibit depicting the longleaf pine ecosystem (shown above). Landmark Park is a 150-acre living history museum and park, located at 430 Landmark Dr. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for kids and free for park members and children 2 and under. The park is a Blue Star Museum, allowing active and retired military and up to five family members free admission from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Hours are Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. For details on field trips, special events, venue rentals and more, visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com

New campaign announced by Wiregrass United Way

This year's Wiregrass United Way campaign will begin with a fun kickoff complete with a service project. Volunteers from throughout the six county region will gather on Tuesday, August 2 at the Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center in Dothan. The program will start at 8:30 a.m. After hearing from this year's leadership team, viewing the new campaign video, and announcing the campaign goal, Troy Fountain, President of the Wiregrass Foundation, will be on hand to announce a challenge to the local United Way. Following this, everyone is encouraged to stay and participate in a service project. Wiregrass United Way will package 30,000 meals. These meals will be distributed locally by the Wiregrass Area Food Bank to those in need. There will be sixteen workstations. Volunteers will arrive early that morning to help set up and be trained to lead each station. Approximately 100 area businesses and organizations are expected to participate as Pacesetters. They are getting a jump-start on the annual United Way campaign between early August and mid September. These businesses make up the Pacesetter campaign. It is not too late for other companies to register to be a Pacesetter.

This year's campaign is focusing on the slogan, "For the Wiregrass." During the campaign, the United Way will focus on the positive and the issues they are working for in our region. There will be more than one thousand volunteers active with the Wiregrass United Way during the year. A volunteer Board of Trustees leads the local organization. Hope Johnson, President and CEO of Friend Bank, is this year's Board Chair. Trent Dillard, Alabama Power Company, is serving as the overall Campaign Chair. In addition, each county has a leadership team consisting of a county board chair and county campaign chair. Serving in those roles for 2022 include Coffee County: Toni Kaminski, Board Chair, and Lee Milliner, Campaign Chair. The Wiregrass United Way has served the Wiregrass area since 1938, currently funding 37 member agencies serving Barbour, Coffee, Dale, Geneva, Henry and Houston counties. Funds raised by Wiregrass United Way are utilized locally in the six county area. A committee of local volunteers determines how the funds are distributed among the member agencies. For more information call 792-9661 or visit the website at www.wuw.org.

Coffee County School System trying to identify persons with disabilities

The Coffee County School System is in the process of identifying all persons with disabilities, ages 3-21 years, who are not enrolled in an educational setting, and all 0-3-year-old children with disabilities. Parents of a child with disabilities or those knowing someone who is disabled are asked to contact the principal of the local school or the special education coordinator's office at the Coffee County Board of Education at (334) 897-5016. It is important that all persons with disabilities be identified so appropriate services can be provided. Tami Crosby, special services coordinator, (334) 897-5016 Carolyn Broaden, federal programs coordinator, (334) 897-5016 Megan Driggers, principal, Kinston School, (334) 565-3016 Holli Richardson, principal, New Brockton Elementary School, (334) 894-6152 Bradley Bowers, principal, New Brockton Middle School, (334) 894-2350 Alonzo Barkley, principal, New Brockton High School, (334) 894-2350 Jared Robinson, principal, Zion Chapel School, (334) 897-6275

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PUBLIC RELEASE

Coffee County Schools today announced its policy for free and reduced-price meals for children served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program. Local school officials have adopted the following household size and income criteria for determining eligibility: Children need healthy meals to learn. Coffee County Schools offer healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.00, lunch costs \$2.25. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process.

1. WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?
- All children in households receiving benefits from Alabama SNAP, the Food Distribution Program, or Indian Reservations (FDPIR) or Alabama TANF are eligible for free meals.
 - All children in households receiving benefits from Medicaid are eligible for free or reduced meals.
 - Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
 - Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
 - Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals.
 - Children who are directly certified are eligible to receive free meals.
 - When known to **Coffee County Schools**, households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free meals based on their participation (or a household member's participation) in the: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR); or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), if the State program meets Federal standards.
 - When known to **Coffee County Schools**, households will be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals based on the individual child's designation as Other Source Categorically Eligible, as defined by law. Children are determined Other Source Categorically Eligible if they are: Homeless, Migrant, Runaway, A foster child, or Enrolled in Head Start or an eligible pre-kindergarten program (see: SP 40-2013: Q&As Regarding the Participation of Head Start Programs in Child Nutrition Programs, <https://www.fns.usda.gov/qas-regarding-participation-head-start-programs-child-nutrition-programs-0>).


INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES 2022-2023							
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ELIGIBILITY SCALE FOR FREE MEALS/MILK				HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ELIGIBILITY SCALE FOR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS/MILK	
	PER YEAR	PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	PER WEEK		PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS
1	17,467	1,473	689	340	1	2,096	967
2	23,803	1,984	916	458	2	2,823	1,303
3	29,939	2,495	1,152	576	3	3,551	1,639
4	36,075	3,007	1,388	694	4	4,279	1,975
5	42,211	3,518	1,624	812	5	5,006	2,311
6	48,347	4,029	1,860	930	6	5,734	2,647
7	54,483	4,541	2,096	1,048	7	6,462	2,983
8	60,619	5,052	2,332	1,166	8	7,189	3,318
FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER					FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER		
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2. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MIGRANT, OR RUNAWAY? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail your child(ren)'s school.
3. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to your child(ren)'s school.
4. SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact your child(ren)'s school immediately.
5. CAN I APPLY ONLINE?
- ☒ Yes! You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if you are able. The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. Visit our web site to begin or to learn more about the online application process. Contact Betsy Wood at (334) 897-5016 if you have any questions about the online application.
- No, an online application is not available at this time.
6. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year, through **September 20, 2022**. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.
7. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please send in an application.
8. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. In accordance with program regulations school officials will be verifying the income of some households at some time during the school year. Selected households will be requested to provide income documentation in order to continue receiving free and reduced-price meals.
9. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
10. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Kelly Cobb, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, Alabama 36323, (334) 897-5016, cobbk@coffeecounty.k12.al.us**.
11. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.
12. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
13. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO REPORT? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.
14. DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE MY SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER? Only the last 4 digits of the social security number of the household's primary wage earner or another adult household member (or an indication of "none") is required.
15. MAY I DECLINE BENEFITS? Yes. Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact **Coffee County Schools** or school if they choose to decline the free meal benefits.
16. WHAT IF ALL CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS ARE NOT ON THE NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY LETTER? If children or households receive benefits under Assistance Programs or Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs and are not listed on the notice of eligibility and are not notified by the school of their free meal benefits, the parent or guardian should contact the school or should submit an income application.
17. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE REPORT OUR INCOME DIFFERENTLY? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.
18. WHAT IF THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SPACE ON THE APPLICATION FOR MY FAMILY? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper and attach it to your application. Contact your child(ren)'s school to receive a second application.
19. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for Alabama SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call Alabama hotline number - 800-382-0499.

If you have other questions or need help, call (334) 897-5016. Sincerely, Betsy Wood

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We joined our grandson Lawson on his annual school shopping trip over the weekend and while I did hunt a place to sit at every stop, I did enjoy the trip and even got me a few things. There is no doubt inflation has hit everyone's pocket books pretty hard this year, but school shopping is a must and if you look hard enough at least a few things are on sale.

For what it is worth

*** New Brockton and Zion Chapel are in the spotlight this week in our weekly 'Countdown to Kickoff' and both teams are excited to get back on the field after disappointing seasons a year ago.

The Gamecocks were devastated by injuries that forced countless changes to the line up almost every week, and as a 3A team there were no weeks off to rest up and get folks healthy unless they remained on the sidelines. The New Brockton coaching staff has a few new members that could provide a spark, but with a schedule filled with challenges the Gamecocks will have to rely on hard work and a little luck to be a playoff contender. My guess is that New Brockton will be a surprise team this season and make a real run toward the post-season.

The Rebels struggled for the second straight season and have brought in a new coach with new ideas to try to lead the team back to the winner's circle. Zion Chapel has a solid core of players that can compete every time they pull on the pads, but in years past haven't had the team speed needed to play the new wide-open style of play, especially when the starters that have to go both ways get tired. My guess is Zion Chapel will get the most out of every player on every play and make strides as the season progresses on its journey back to winning football.

*** I've been reading recaps from various pre-season coaches press conferences across the state and one item that seems to be a constant is the movement of players across the state. Down in Baldwin County two schools saw their starting quarterbacks actually swap schools, and will meet in the season openers, while an Abbeville player that dressed out at Dothan High a year ago will be back with the Yellow Jackets. Over the weekend there was a rumor that Andalusia's starting quarterback was going to IMG Academy, in Florida, in an obvious effort to better his stock with college coaches. There is no doubt the big money now available to college players has begun to be a factor in the high school ranks.

*** It seems like Miami is fast becoming the 'place to be' for high school standouts looking to cash in on 'Name, Image and Likeness' money. A couple of weeks ago the Hurricanes began to pile up four and five star recruits, and in one report of a commitment it was stated a Miami businessman had hinted about a possible \$9.1 million NIL deal with new players. Alabama is beginning to lose out on more players than usual, and one has to wonder if the Crimson Tide is now at the point where tradition and past successes can no longer compete with the millions of dollars on the table at other universities.

*** In closing.... Juan Soto is arguably the best player on the Washington Nationals, which is arguably the worst team in the Major Leagues, and despite his less than stellar .247 batting average has turned down an offer of \$440 million for 15 years to remain with the team. The offer made to the 23-year old outfielder was the most lucrative in baseball history, but was not enough to make Soto want to stay in Washington D.C. The Nationals have since reported they are open to trade talks for the outfielder, which I see as a good move since he obviously is playing for the money and not team pride. C'mon folks, baseball is not that important to make everyone that dresses out multi-millionaires, and it is the fans that are the ones that actually pay their salaries!

Bob Bush, DVM

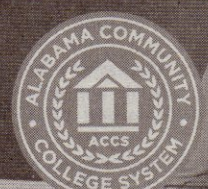
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Elba's Aimee Senn is a national champion

Elba Lady Tiger softball standout Aimee Senn has kept busy this summer playing travel softball across the south on the Apex Fastpitch 16 and Under team and joined her teammates and coaches recently by celebrating a national championship.

Apex competed on July 6-9 at the 'Road to the Beach National Tournament' at Fort Walton Beach, Florida, and claimed six straight wins to bring home the national title in its age division.

Apex, based in Troy, claimed wins over Adiktiv Elite Bottom 6-0; Adiktiv Elite Smith 9-3, 6-1, 10-5 and 2-1, and also posted a win over the Martinsville Outlaws, from Indiana, 8-0, to win the four-team event.

During the tournament, Senn batted .455 with 5 hits in 11 at-bats, scored one run, knocked in four runs and drew one walk. The outstanding tournament performance pushed her season stats to a batting average of .359 (14/39), four runs scored, 16 runs batted in and six walks.

Senn, the Apex catcher, also shined on defense as she threw out 7 of 17 runners attempting to steal a

base and picked 2 runners off base.

A senior honor student at Elba High School, Senn has been a valuable part of Lady Tiger softball for the past two seasons. As a sophomore, Senn batted .460 (23/50), scored 17 runs, collected nine rbi's, and drew three walks, while on defense she played in the infield and committed only seven errors in 57 chances.

During her junior season, Senn batted .591 (13/22), scored seven runs, knocked in four runs and drew 11 walks, while on defense she moved to the position of catcher and committed only one error in 91 chances.

Senn's travel team will continue to compete throughout the summer and has its eyes set on a regular season national title.

Members of the Apex Fastpitch 16 and Under national championship team include Aimee Senn, Aubryn Trammell, Casey Stengell, Elizabeth Hancock, Elizabeth Woodfin, Emma Hargrave, Emma Spohr, Haley Melton, Mary Hayden Hargrove, McKinley Tatum, Olivia Reynolds and Sara Roeten. Coaches are Joey Stengell, David Tatum and Kathryn Stengell.



AIMEE SENN- with National Championship plaque won recently in Florida.

Wolverines proud to call Elba home

The newest name being discussed among football fans in the area is 'Wiregrass Wolverines,' the nickname of an adult football league team based in Elba that will be open to prospective players ages 18-40 set to begin competition in February of 2023.

The team is the brainchild of Elba residents William Love and Summer Stricklin, and will be associated with the 'Cleat an Athlete' program that will work with leaders in area youth sports leagues to help provide items needed for those families that may not be able to afford equipment needed for their children to participate.

"This all got started because we wanted to come up with a way to do something to give back to parents that are struggling to come up with registration fees for youth sports," said Stricklin. "In many places fees can range up to \$300 just to be a youth cheerleader, and if a family has three children it would be almost impossible to allow all the children to participate."

She said being on a football team means a parent must pay registration fees, as well as purchase cleats, mouth pieces, and other equipment, along with enduring the cost to travel to games out of town. The team hopes to provide funds to support this program and help these families.

Stricklin stated that while the Wiregrass once had a couple of adult football teams, at the present time there are no teams for those interested in playing, and a

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See 'Wolverines'



WOOD DUCKS - 2022 ALABAMA STATE CHAMPIONS

Wood Ducks win Dixie Boys state title

The Alabama Wood Ducks competed in the Dixie Boys 17U State Baseball Tournament recently and won five games over a span of two days to bring home the state championship.

The Wood Ducks coasted to an easy 15-0 win over the Wiregrass Cardinals in opening round action on Friday night, then came back on Saturday and in the first of four games on the day eliminated the Cardinals 11-0.

In the 11-0 win, Payton Green had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi, while

Gavin Mayo added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; and, Colton McClenny added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's. Trent Smith and Hunter Bedsole combined to pitch five innings and allowed no runs on 3 three hits, with eight strikeouts.

The second game of the day saw the Wood Ducks defeat Lee County 4-1, in a win in which the Ducks scored two runs in the fifth inning to grab a lead they never relinquished. Gavin Mayo had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the

Ducks, while Baylon Foster added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Riley Simmons added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and, Blake Peterson added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Austin Acreman pitched a complete game five-hitter and allowed no earned runs, while striking out ten batters.

In the third game of the day, the Wood Ducks saw a late rally fall short in a 5-4 loss to Lee County. Payton Green had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Ducks, while Baylon Foster added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Carson Hughes and Siaoisi Blevins both added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Hunter Bedsole and Payton Green combined to pitch six innings and allowed four earned runs on eight hits, while striking out seven.

In the state finals, the fourth game of the day, the Wood Ducks pulled ahead early and never looked back to claim a 15-5 win. Braxton Sherling had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Ducks, while Riley Simmons and Payton Green both added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Baylon Foster added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Carson Hughes added 1 hit and 4 rbi's. Ty Sieving and Trent Smith combined to pitch six innings and allowed three earned runs on ten hits, while striking out six batters.



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SPORTS NEWS

New Brockton Gamecocks

2022 Football Schedule

Aug. 19	Elba	Home
Aug. 26	Opp *	Home
Sept. 2	Providence Ch. *	Away
Sept. 9	Daleville *	Home
Sept. 16	Houston Academy *	Away
Sept. 23	Open Date	
Sept. 30	Pike County *	Home
Oct. 7	Straughn *	Away
Oct. 14	Ashford *	Home
Oct. 21	Headland	Away
Oct. 28	Northside Methodist *	Away

(* Denotes region opponents)

Zion Chapel Rebels

2022 Football Schedule

Aug. 19	Open Date	
Aug. 26	Goshen *	Home
Sept. 2	Wicksburg *	Away
Sept. 9	Samson *	Away
Sept. 16	Ariton *	Away
Sept. 23	Pleasant Home	Home
Sept. 30	G.W. Long *	Home
Oct. 7	Geneva County *	Home
Oct. 14	Cottonwood *	Away
Oct. 21	Abbeville *	Home
Oct. 28	Reeltown	Home

(* Denotes region opponents)



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committee was formed to begin the process of starting a team from scratch. The committee meets every two weeks for discussions on how to make the effort a success, and recently conducted a Boston butt sale that raised over \$2,000. A second project was held last weekend at Miller Memorial Stadium, fondly called 'Foggy Bottom,' which will be the home field for the Wolverines. Volunteers met to help clean the former Elba High football field.

"The season will begin in the spring from the end of February through June," added Stricklin, "Teams will come from as far away as Atlanta, Georgia; Jacksonville, Florida; and New Orleans, Louisiana. The teams and their fans will come to Elba, spend money in Elba and get the chance to see what our little town has to offer. All profits will go toward the support of the youth leagues and to upgrade Foggy Bottom."

William Love, a veteran football coach, will be the head coach for the Wolverines, which will host

a combine Saturday, Aug. 6, at the stadium, located near downtown Elba. Forty-seven prospective players have already registered to attend the combine from as far away as Dothan and Montgomery, and the team has a maximum roster of 65 players and a minimum roster of 20 players.

"We are off to a positive start," said Stricklin, "but we need community support to make it happen. We want the citizens of Elba to know this will bring a lot of great things to our community, create revenue for the businesses and help the youth in the area play sports. We want to be a positive for the city and our presence here to be 'they have helped, not taken away.'"

"We want Foggy Bottom to be a continued treasure here in Elba, so by using it and generating revenue, we can bring it back to life," Stricklin added. "It is a great field and nothing is wrong with it."

She said the schedule for the Wolverines inaugural 2023 season would be announced in December.

New Brockton faces another tough 3A schedule

After struggling to three straight losing seasons and posting only ten wins over the three-year span, the New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to make their mark in the Class 3A ranks this season under the direction of Coach Zack Holmes.

The Gamecocks had advanced to the playoffs six straight seasons from 2014-2019 while in the 2A ranks. However, they have yet to find their footing in Class 3A and over the past two years have struggled to a 5-13 record.

This season, New Brockton will open the season with three home games in the opening four weeks of action, and have an open date at the midway point before the Gamecocks swing back into region play four times in the final five weeks.

Following is a preview of the 2022 season:

August 19 – Elba Tigers

New Brockton will kick off the season at Gamecock Stadium with a cross-county clash with the Elba Tigers. The Gamecocks have a 1-13 series record against the 1A Tigers and have lost the last nine meetings between the two rivals, including a 32-21 in the last meeting back in 2017.

Elba has rolled to 15 straight winning seasons, is coming off a 10-2 record in the 2A ranks, and this season will move down to Class 1A.

August 26 – Opp Bobcats

New Brockton will stay at home in week number two when they jump into region play with a battle against the Opp Bobcats. The Gamecocks are 0-2 all-time in the brief series, which is in its third straight year, and last season dropped a 27-0 decision to the eventual region runners-up.

Opp has posted two straight winning seasons after struggling to an 8-23 record the previous three years, and last year the Bobcats rolled to a 9-3 record and a playoff win.

September 2 – at, Providence Christian Eagles

New Brockton will hit the road in week number three when they head to Dothan for a key region clash against the Providence Christian Eagles. The Gamecocks own a 2-8 series record against their region rivals and have lost the last four meetings, including a 34-20 setback last season.

Providence Christian is coming off back-to-back 4-6 seasons after posting a total of 22 wins the previous two years, and last season sat out the playoffs.

September 9 – Daleville Warhawks

New Brockton will return home for a week four region match-up with the Daleville Warhawks. The Gamecocks lead the series 6-4, have won two straight meetings, and rolled to a big 45-20 win a year ago.

Daleville has struggled to a 1-19 record the past two seasons after five straight winning seasons, including an 0-10 record last year, when the Warhawks allowed over 51 points a game.

September 16 – at, Houston Academy Raiders

New Brockton will head back to Dothan in week num-

Zion Chapel schedule includes six home games

After struggling to back-to-back one-win seasons the Zion Chapel Rebels and their fans are hoping a new head coach, a new winning attitude and a schedule that includes six home dates will result in a return to their winning ways of old.

The schedule includes a trio of early-season region road trips to Wicksburg, Samson and Ariton that will test the Rebels, but the schedule is more 'home friendly' after that as five of the final six games are at Green Memorial Stadium.

Following is a preview of the 2022 football season:

August 19 – Open Date

August 26 – Goshen Eagles

Zion Chapel will kick off the season at home with a non-region contest against the Goshen Eagles. Goshen leads the series 24-6, has won the last eight meetings and won the last time the two longtime rivals played 48-0 in 2019.

Goshen has struggled to a 1-18 record the past two seasons after posting an 8-4 slate and a playoff appearance in 2019.

September 2 – at, Wicksburg Panthers

Zion Chapel will open region play in week two when the Rebels hit the road for a clash with the Wicksburg Panthers. Wicksburg owns a 12-8 series edge that has been dormant since 1995, has won six of the last seven match-ups and posted a wild 52-30 win the last time the new region rivals met.

The Panthers will make the move to Class 2A after competing in Class 3A the past eight years, have posted a winning record six of the last seven years and had a 7-4 record a year ago.

September 9 – at, Samson Tigers

Zion Chapel will be back on the road in week number three when they head to Samson for a key region clash with the Samson Tigers. Samson leads the all-time series 15-4, has won the last nine meetings and claimed a 35-20 victory in 2021.

The Tigers are moving up from Class 1A into the 2A ranks this season, have posted two straight winning seasons and will be coming off a 7-4 campaign a year ago.

September 16 – at, Ariton Purple Cats

Zion Chapel will continue its three-game road swing in week number four when the Rebels make the short trip to Ariton for a region battle with the Ariton Purple Cats. Ariton leads the longtime series 41-12, has won the last five meetings and last season posted a 42-6 victory.

The Purple Cats are coming off a 10-2 season, have won ten games three of the last five seasons and a year ago averaged over 40 points per game.

September 23 – Pleasant Home Eagles

Zion Chapel will be back home and take a break from the region wars in a week five encounter with the Pleasant Home Eagles. The Rebels lead the all-time series 11-5, have won five straight meetings and last season posted a big 39-24 victory.

Pleasant Home has struggled to five straight losing seasons and over the past five years have posted a combined record of 5-34.

September 30 – G.W. Long Rebels

Zion Chapel will stay at home and return to the region race in week number six when the Rebels host the G.W. Long Rebels. G.W. Long holds a 28-10 series edge in the longtime rivalry, has won the last five meetings and during the winning streak has outscored Zion Chapel 225-12. Last season G.W. Long posted a 49-0 victory.

G.W. Long has rolled to three straight winning seasons after struggling to a 3-15 record in 2017 and 2018. Over the last three years, G.W. Long has averaged nine wins a season.

October 7 – Geneva County Bulldogs

Zion Chapel will continue its home stand in week number seven when the Rebels host the Geneva County Bulldogs, in an important region contest. Geneva County

ber five when the Gamecocks take the field for a region road battle against the Houston Academy Raiders. The Gamecocks have a 6-16 all-time record in the long series, have lost the last twelve meetings, and last season dropped a 49-8 decision.

Houston Academy is coming off a 6-5 season, which was only its second winning season since back in 2013.

September 23 – Open Date

September 30 – Pike County Bulldogs

New Brockton will make a return to the region race after a week off when the Gamecocks host the Pike County Bulldogs.

Pike County is coming off an 0-9 season in which the Bulldogs were outscored 368-77. It was Pike County's first losing season since back in 2012.

October 7 – at, Straughn Tigers

New Brockton will be on the road in week seven when the Gamecocks travel to Straughn for a region clash with the Straughn Tigers. The Gamecocks own a 7-8 series record against the Tigers, while the region road game will be the first meeting between the two teams since way back in 1998. The Gamecocks have won the last three meetings, including a 21-6 victory in 1990.

Straughn is coming off a 7-4 season, its first winning season since 2014, and will be making a move down to the 3A ranks after a member of Class 4A.

October 14 – Ashford Yellow Jackets

New Brockton will close out its home schedule in week number eight when the Gamecocks host the Yellow Jackets. It will be the first meeting between the new region rivals.

Ashford, which is moving down from the 4A ranks, is coming off an 0-10 season and since 2017 has struggled to a 9-41 record. The Yellow Jackets have not posted a winning record since 2014.

October 21 – at, Headland Rams

New Brockton will take a late-season break from the region wars for a week nine clash with the 4A Headland Rams. It will mark the first-ever meeting between the two teams.

Headland is coming off a 2-8 season and has struggled to post a 3-16 slate over the last two years. The Rams have posted only one winning season since 2011.

October 28 – at, Northside Methodist Knights

New Brockton will make the trip to Dothan for the third time in the season in its regular season finale when the Gamecocks tangle with the Northside Methodist Knights, in a region contest. The Gamecocks own an 0-2 series record and last season dropped a 19-13 decision.

Northside Methodist is in its third season as a member of the AHSAA and ninth overall. The Knights have posted an 8-13 record the past two seasons, including a 3-7 mark a year ago, and have recorded only one winning season in their brief football history.

leads the brief series 4-0 and posted a 55-28 victory last season.

Geneva County has posted a winning record three of the past seven years and the Bulldogs will be coming off a 5-6 season.

October 14 – at, Cottonwood Bears

Zion Chapel will be on the road in week number eight when the Rebels travel to Cottonwood for a region clash with the Cottonwood Bears. Cottonwood owns a 5-0 series edge, is on the Rebels schedule for the third straight year, and last season the Bears rolled to a 54-28 win.

Cottonwood is coming off a 5-5 season, and last posted a winning record and advance to the playoffs back in 2014.

October 21 – Abbeville Yellow Jackets

Zion Chapel will be back at home within the friendly confines of Green Memorial Stadium in week nine when they host the Abbeville Yellow Jackets, in a late-season region clash. Abbeville holds a 2-0 series edge in the short series, is on the schedule for the third straight season, and last season posted a 48-18 win.

Abbeville struggled to a 2-7 record last season after advancing to the Class 2A state finals the year before and posting a 39-10 record the previous four years from 2017-2020.

October 28 – Reeltown

Zion Chapel will close out the regular season at home when the Rebels host the Reeltown Rebels, in a non-region battle. Reeltown holds a 3-0 series edge, claimed a 56-0 playoff win in 2019, and in the three wins has outscored Zion Chapel 134-0.

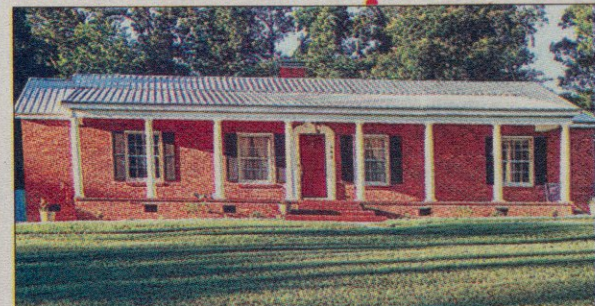
Reeltown will be coming off a 6-5 season, and has been a constant winner since its last losing season in 2007.

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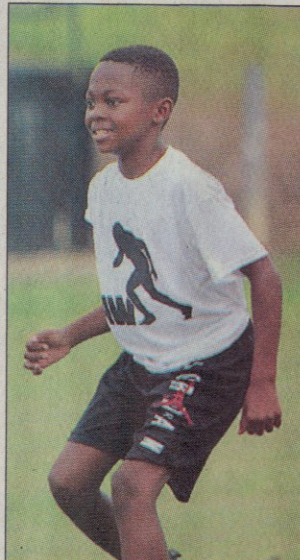
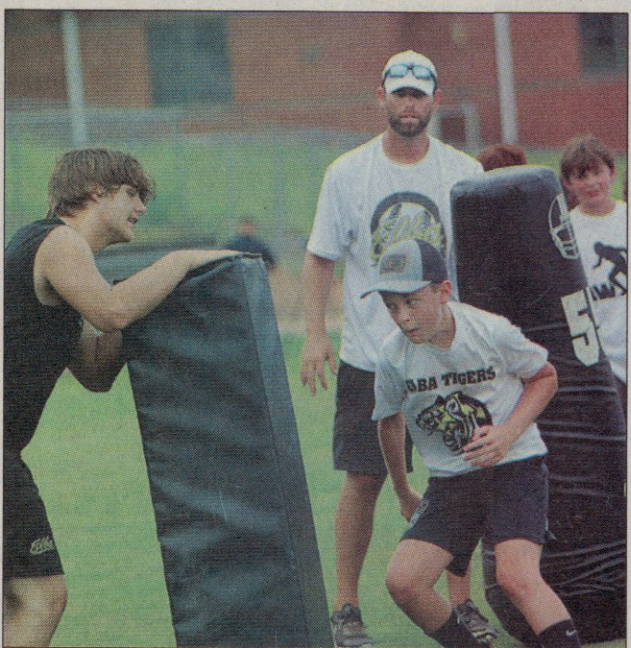
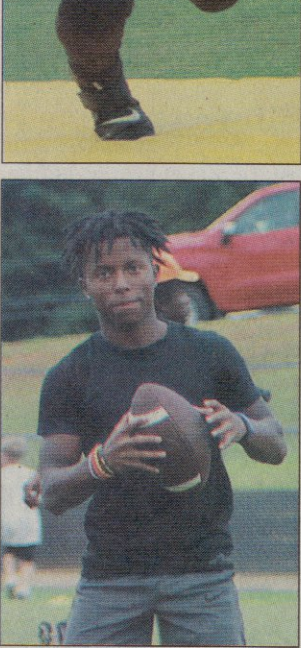
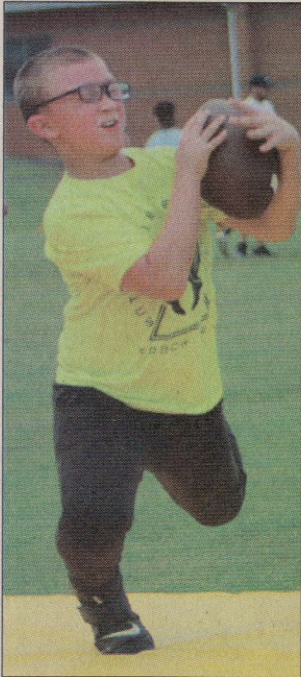
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